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Examiner:

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For: TREMBLE CORRECTING DEVICE AND OPTICAL DEVICE PROVIDED  
WITH TREMBLE CORRECTING FUNCTION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-199862, which was published on  
July 18, 2000, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this  
document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,225,613 to TSUKAMOTO et al., which issued on May 1, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,252,713 to HIRUNUMA et al., which issued on June 26, 2001; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,266,190 to HIRUNUMA et al., which issued on July 24, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and  
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

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listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

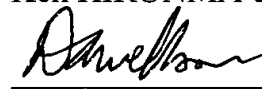
Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,611 to TSUKAMOTO et al., entitled "Tremble Correcting Device", which was filed on April 13, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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